

Maricopa County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

**4th Avenue Jail
201 South Madison Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
2:30 p.m.
June 28, 2004**

Members Present:

Audrey Adamic
William C. Brainard, M.D.
Maricopa County Supervisor Fulton Brock
Susanne Cook
James Candland
Brian Spicker
Stephen West, M.D.
Pam Wight

Members Excused:

Don Cassano
Patrick VanZanen
Maclovio Zepeda

Ex Officio: Jonathan B. Weisbuch, M.D., M.P.H.

TOUR OF 4TH AVENUE JAIL:

Board of Health members and Environmental Services and Department of Public Health departmental staff were escorted on a tour of the new 4th Avenue Jail by Ms. Birch, Principal, Capital Facilities Development, Facilities Management, and Dr. Scalzo, Director, Correctional Health Services.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.; eight members were present.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the May 24, 2004 Board of Health Meeting Minutes:

The May 24, 2004 Board of Health meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Mr. Spicker made the motion to approve the May 24, 2004 Board of Health meeting minutes with Maricopa County Supervisor Fulton Brock seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

Fee Waiver Refund Request Limitation:

Ms. Minichiello, Environmental Program Manager, Environmental Services, provided a recommendation to the Board of Health to establish a stipulation for fee waiver permit requests for charitable events prior to the event; no fee waiver requests will be accepted after the event.

Ms. Adamic made the motion to establish a pre-requisite requesting receipt of the fee waiver request before the event takes place. Fee waivers are requested by organizations qualifying under the 501 (c)3 standards established by the IRS. This will establish the requisite requesting the waiver of permit fees before the event. Supervisor Brock seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by eight votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Maricopa Council on Youth Sports & Physical Activity:

Mr. Patterson, CEO of Patterson Sports Ventures, Inc., provided an update for the new community coalition, Maricopa County Youth Sports and Physical Activity. The coalition originated under the Arizona Tourism initiative with the Sports Authority representing a part of the building initiative from the Arizona Cardinals stadium as a result of the 2000 tax initiative. 75 million dollars has been set aside for youth sports in several capacities. Many grant processes are underway allocating funding for youth sports with the Cactus League being one of the ventures. Child obesity is the directive for many of the initiatives. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is working to assess and gather data as the first step for the initiative. The coalition decided to assess scientific direction first by gathering data before determining a path and the acceleration to begin the actual process of working with youth in the community. The agreed upon steps to pursue direction as the first step of the initiative are: 1) Research where the needs are in the community – both program and community needs – this step requires two to three years to reach a conclusion; 2) Establish a social marketing campaign to support exercise and nutrition; and 3) Establish an annual event – possibly a Health and Sports Expo in the community and throughout Maricopa County to identify and promote best practices to address child obesity. To complete these three goals an estimate of funding has been set at one million dollars. So far \$300,000 is committed. No one else is involved in an initiative such as this throughout the country. The next scheduled meeting is set for July 8th at noon at the Arizona Community Foundation. Dr. West volunteered to serve as a representative on behalf of the Maricopa County Board of Health.

Mobile Food Vendor Presentation:

Mr. David Ludwig, Manager, Environmental Services, introduced Ms. Upton, Program Manager, Mobile Food Program, Environmental Services, as the guest speaker today. The mobile food unit program covers four specific areas: 1) kitchens on wheels; 2) push carts food vendors; 3) food peddlers, and 4) vending machines and mobile pet shops. The program is staffed with four inspectors. The existing program in place requires inspection for vendor permits twice a year. It is very difficult to provide the inspections required with the continual growth in the Valley. Language barriers also increase the time required to complete an inspection and accessibility of vendors complicates the program even more. Last week Ms. Upton received nine citizen complaints from the

community. Under existing laws you can seize and destroy the food from units operating without a permit as a safety measure for the community.

Ms. Upton participates in multi-agency meetings to sort out and jointly decide on direction to reach joint goals. Statistics conclude there is a 56% compliance rate for mobile vendors. The new badge provided by the department offers some help reinforcing the authority of the inspector. Some municipalities simply do not allow street vendors. A request for four additional staff members was recently forwarded to OMB for consideration to help establish adequate controls and enforcement for this program provided through Environmental Services. Maricopa County District 1 Supervisor Fulton Brock offered assistance by notifying other city councils of the enforcement problems in Maricopa County and requesting help as a joint process to ensure food safety for the community.

Clinical Health Services Update:

Dr. Jones, Director, Public Health Clinical Services, said the number of congenital syphilis cases reported this year has dropped compared to last year. The request supported by the Board of Health members to hospitals requesting third trimester congenital syphilis testing has dramatically helped shift the direction of this epidemic. Dr. Jones anticipates the drop in reported cases to continue.

Tuberculosis is still causing a problem in the schools with several converter cases identified. The rate for Maricopa County has actually increased slightly over last year. Recruitment of tuberculosis nurses for additional surveillance is really needed.

The epidemiology group within Maricopa County is congratulated for the outstanding group effort in identifying the first West Nile Virus death. Without the knowledge and persistence of this group this tragedy could have easily been undiagnosed or misdiagnosed. The plan in effect is to continually follow-up with fogging at night in suspected areas and to pursue and track cases. This could be a difficult year, traditionally the second year has a higher incidence of reported cases.

Five-Year Health Status Comparison:

Ms. Santana, Director, Epidemiology/Vital Registration, said this is the first year that information distributed today in the final copies of the "Maricopa County Health Status Report 1998-2002" and "Maricopa County Health Status Report 1998-2002 – Figures and Reference Tables" has incorporated age-adjusted statistics. Please discard the recap version you received a few months earlier in place of the final copies distributed today. Some ratios are actually much higher in this report when age adjustment is factored in as a statistical method. Minorities are doing much worse than previously reported with the age adjusted factors.

Please let Mare Schumacher know if there is an organization or group of individuals in the community to add to the distribution list to receive a copy of both reports.

Current Events Summary:

Please let the President of the Board of Health know your date preference for the Annual Board of Health Retreat in October.

Call to the Public:

No one responded.

The June 28, 2004 Board of Health meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Pam Wight, President

Jonathan B. Weisbuch, M.D., Secretary

The minutes were transcribed by Susan Attiah.